GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans formulated for promoting traditional games in rural areas;

(b) whether the rural youth have ever been given the opportunity to participate in a sports tournaments outside India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the items of the sports in which they have participated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Government of India is already implementing the following schemes for promoting traditional games in rural areas as well as in urban areas of the country:

(I) Assistance to the National Sports Federations:Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for promotion of traditional sports such as Kho-kho, Kabaddi and Ataya Patya.

(II) Rural Sports Programme: The scheme contains following two sub-components under which traditional sports disciplines are played besides the selected disciplines:

(i) Rural Sports Tournament: Under the component, besides organization of sports tournaments of selected disciplines and other traditional games like Athletics, Tug-of-war, Arachery, Hockey, Kho-kho, Kabaddi, Weightlifting, volleyball, Wrestling and Football, the State Governments organize many other indigenous sports, popular in the area at block, district and State levels.

(ii) Sports Festival for North Eastern Region : Under the component, North East sports Festival is organized involving sports persons from the North-East States every year. Besides the selected disciplines, viz. Athletics, Badminton, boxing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Table Tennis and Weightlifting, Sports disciplines that are popular in these States, are included in the Festival.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The Government of India clears teams of various recognized sports disciplines from time to time for participation in various sports events, organized at international level. The teams contain sports persons coming from rural as well as urban areas.